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“OLD NAVY” ROBBERY RING INDICTED

Federal and local “Violent Crime Impact Team” conducts extensive investigation on string of armed robberies committed between December 2005 and July 2006 in Fresno and Madera

FRESNO—United States Attorney McGregor Scott, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) Special Agent in Charge Stephen K. Martin, Fresno County District Attorney Elizabeth A. Egan, and Fresno Chief of Police Jerry Dyer announced today indictments resulting from an extensive investigation conducted by the Violent Crime Impact Team (“VCIT”) and the Fresno Police Department pertaining to a series of armed robberies that occurred in Fresno and Madera between December 24, 2005 and July 24, 2006.

A federal grand jury sitting in Fresno handed down indictments on June 14, 2007 against the following persons: MARCUS MAJOR, 21; JORDAN HUFF, 23; KEITH ROSE, 19; and VICTOR MURRAY, 19, all of Fresno, for the federal crimes of conspiracy to interfere with commerce by robbery; conspiracy to use, carry, brandish and discharge firearms during and in relation to a crime of violence; 30 counts of interference with commerce by robbery; six counts of discharging a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence; and 24 counts of brandishing a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence.

This case was the result of a joint investigation by the Fresno Violent Crime Impact Team (VCIT), consisting of the ATF, the Fresno Police Department District Crimes Suppression Team

(DCST), and the United States Marshal's Service. The VCIT focuses federal resources on specific high-crime areas in Fresno.

"These defendants engaged in a violent, seven-month crime spree in Fresno and Madera. Without question, they are worthy targets of the severe punishment authorized under federal law. Our office commends the outstanding collaboration between the Fresno Police Department, the ATF, and the United States Marshal Service for bringing these dangerous criminals to justice," stated United States Attorney Scott.

"The fear created by crimes of violence that involve guns is like no other. We are pleased to report that the Violent Crime Impact Team (VCIT) has returned a sense of calm to this community. ATF and our partners will continue in our mission to protect the public and reduce violent crime", said Assistant Special Agent In Charge Michael P. Gleysteen of ATF's San Francisco Field Division.

"The Fresno Police Department relentlessly pursued the Old Navy Crew for months as they terrorized residents with their violent robberies. What the suspects didn't know is that we were not alone in our pursuit. This demonstrates once again the benefit of local, state and federal agencies working together to take violent criminals off the street." stated Fresno Chief of Police Jerry Dyer.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Kimberly A. Sanchez, who is prosecuting the case, these joint investigations were initiated in December of 2005, and focused on a series of armed robberies of convenience stores, liquor stores and gas stations. The robbers were dubbed the "Old Navy Crew" because one of the robbers wore a sweatshirt in several of the robberies that had white lettering appearing to say "Old Navy." The indictment charges that in six of the robberies, at least one firearm was discharged; in two other robberies, at least one firearm was

discharged in the direction of a witness; and in one other robbery, at least one firearm was discharged in the direction of the owner of the business, who received a gunshot wound in the abdomen.

Additionally, PORCHA NEAL, 21, of Fresno was charged as being a co-conspirator in the robbery of the Dollar Tree at 3730 N. Blackstone. DAMIEN RIDEAUX, 19, of Fresno and DWAYNE PERRY, 19, of Fresno were charged with being accessories after the fact and misprision of a felony relating to the July 24, 2006 robbery of Bulldog Liquor.

If convicted of the charges as alleged in the indictment, MAJOR, HUFF, ROSE and MURRAY face a maximum sentence of 30 life sentences plus 625 years, with a mandatory minimum of 735 years imprisonment mandatorily consecutive to any other sentence. NEAL faces a maximum of life plus 45 years, with a mandatory minimum of seven years imprisonment. RIDEAUX and PERRY face a maximum of 18 years imprisonment. However, the actual sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

VICTOR MURRAY and KEITH ROSE were arrested on June 14, 2007; MARCUS MAJOR and JORDAN HUFF are in local custody on unrelated charges. Agents from ATF, deputies from the United States Marshal Service, and officers from Fresno Police Department participated in service of the warrants. MAJOR and HUFF will make their initial appearances in federal magistrate court this Friday, July 6, 2007. The remaining defendants are scheduled for a status conference on July 27, 2007 before United States District Court Judge Lawrence J. O'Neill.

The indictment alleges that the following businesses were robbed by the defendants: the AM/PM convenience store at 3327 W. Ashlan, Fresno, California; the Valero Gas Station at 1040 S. Gateway, Madera, California; the Valero Gas Station at 1105 W. Shields, Fresno, California; the Y & G T-shirt at 2704 N. Blackstone, Fresno, California; the RS Discount at 3016 W. Olive, Fresno, California; the Parkway Mini Mart at 5510 W. Shaw, Fresno, California; the AM/PM convenience store at 12199 Golden State, Madera, California; the G-Mart at 1615 N. Maple, Fresno, California; the Evergreen Food Mart at 2414 N. Marks, Fresno, California; the Liquor Zone at 1452 W. Ashlan, Fresno, California; the Fast Trip at 1798 E. Clinton, Fresno, California; the Jack In The Box at 3058 W. Clinton, Fresno, California; the Fair Price Market at 2717 N. Hughes, Fresno, California; the Get N Go at 5210 Tulare St., Fresno, California; MCL Market at 2336 N. Fresno, Fresno, California; Mickey's Liquor at 440 W. Shields, Fresno, California; Broadway Liquor at 3610 W. Shaw, Fresno, California; the Fast Trip at 4798 E. Clinton, Fresno, California; the Quick Pick at 4602 E. Church, Fresno, California; Church Market at 4620 E. Church, Fresno, California; the Dollar Tree at 3730 N. Blackstone, Fresno, California; Keg and Cork Liquor at 3057 E. Ashlan, Fresno, California; and Bulldog Liquor at 4968 N. Cedar, Fresno, California.

The charges in the indictment are only allegations and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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